(e) During the period April-June, 1993 Delhi experienced a marginal energy shortage. Restrictions are also imposed to contain the power demand during peak periods as necessary.

Completion of North Madras Power Project

201. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUT. TINAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether the completion of North Madras Power Project is likely to be delayed;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what was the original stipulated date of its completion and cost; and

id) by when the project is now like to be completed and escalation in cost a result of delay in its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The reasons for delay in the co pletion of North Madras Thermal Pow Project (3x210 MW) include delay in *i* quisition of land due to Special Lea Petition filed in the Supreme Court; up of funds in respect of Unit-3; a placement of orders for major a auxiliary equipments.

(c) and (d) The commissioning schem as planned originally and now exped are given below:—

Unit No. and capacity	Commissioning Schedule	
	Original	As now expected
(i) Unit No. 1 (210 MW) . . .	March, 1991	April, 1994
(ii) Unit No. 2 (210 MW)	Dec., 1991	Oct., 1994
(iii) Unit No. 3 (210 MW)	Dec., 1992	April, 1995

The project was sanctioned at an estimated cost Rs. 547.79 crores. The revised estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1405.43 crores.

PX.F. of power stations in country

202. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Plant Load Factor (PLF) of the various power stations in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that PLF on NTPC is higher than that of State Electricity Board;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to see that the PLF is suitably raised to augment power supply;

(d) whether it is a fact that with every 1 per cent increase in the PLF, the *la-*

vestment in the new power units requi comes down substantially; and

(e) if so, whether a cost-benefit st will be made to determine the optim route to be adopted for augmentation power supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN T MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. RANGAYYA NAIDU): fa) The P Load Factor of Thermal Power Stati in the country during the period A Tune, 1993 was 60.8 per cent.

(b) During the period April-June, 1 the' Plant Load Factor of NTPC stati was 76 per cent as compared to the P Load Factor of 56.5 per cent in sector.

(c) Various measures being taken increase the Plant Load Factor of T mal Power Stations include Renova and Modernisation of old units, assiste